

# CASEY COUNTY REBELS



## GAME SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER <b>11</b>	<b>RUSSELL COUNTY</b> RUSSELL COUNTY   6:30PM
SEPTEMBER <b>18</b>	<b>MCCREARY COUNTY</b> CASEY COUNTY   7:30PM
SEPTEMBER <b>25</b>	<b>TAYLOR COUNTY</b> CASEY COUNTY   7:30PM
OCTOBER <b>9</b>	<b>ADAIR COUNTY</b> ADAIR COUNTY   7:00PM
OCTOBER <b>16</b>	<b>HART COUNTY</b> CASEY COUNTY   7:00PM
OCTOBER <b>23</b>	<b>GLASGOW</b> GLASGOW   7:00PM
OCTOBER <b>30</b>	<b>GARRARD COUNTY</b> GARRARD COUNTY   7:30PM
NOVEMBER <b>6</b>	<b>LARUE COUNTY</b> LARUE COUNTY   7:30PM

It's a tough challenge for all the high school football teams this year. They have had little time to prepare younger players for the season ahead. It's even more difficult for a team like the Casey County Rebels, who face fierce competition in District 2. Head Coach Steve Stonebreaker said he's tried to prepare his team for tough schedule as best as he can. The rest, he said, they'll have to learn on the job.

"We have some talent both in the interior and on the perimeter," Stonebreaker said. "We will just be very inexperienced, as most of our guys haven't had a lot of varsity snaps. My hope is that we will improve greatly, similar to last year's team, and be highly competitive with even the best teams on our schedule."

He said the players have worked hard in preseason conditioning.

"I like where we are at," he said. "I know our guys wish they could strap on some gear and do more, but they have done a really good job

working through the current format we are under."

Stonebreaker said he tells his players to focus on the things they can control.

"I expect our kids to come out and be businesslike and play with great effort, attitude, and focus like we always have," he said. "We can always control those three areas."

The one thing the Rebels can't control is their schedule.

"Even with the truncated season we have a heckuva schedule once again," Stonebreaker said. "Taylor County and Glasgow will both be highly rated again. Russell County and Adair County will both have their best teams in years. Hart County returns their top 3-4 players from last years team while Garrard County and McCreary Central return the vast majority of their starters. LaRue will be tough again and is just a couple years removed from a state semifinal appearance. Our schedule should challenge us and make us better."

On the defensive side, Casey is replacing all three

starters in the secondary due to graduation.

"Right now, Wyatt Stonecypher and Gunner Floyd are battling it out at free safety," Stonebreaker said. "Whoever does not win that job will play at one corner." Competing for the other corner spot are juniors Lognan Publow and David Byrd, as well as Pennsylvania transfer Donovan Jackson and freshman Andrew Price.

Both Logan Stephens and Hunter Richards will return at the middle linebacker spots while sophomores Jordan Roberts and Jalen Phelps look to provide depth. At outside linebacker, Cody Publow returns as a starter. Junior Nolan Grindle and sophomore Preston Thorn will be in the mix for the other starting spot.

On the line, juniors Cleyber Ramirez and Elijah Pitman return as the starting defensive ends, while senior Shawn Propes and sophomore Benton Hayes can provide depth if needed. Senior Dylan Meeks, Juniors Keegan Daniel and Chanler Iski, Sophomore

